

CLAIMS

1. A corrugated cardboard blank (2) for the construction of a support, the blank comprising two main body forming panels (4, 6), a middle panel (8) between said body forming panels and two end panels (10, 12), each main body forming panel, middle panel and at least one of the end panels having opposing end flaps (24, 26, 28, 30, 32).
2. A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the end panels (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) of the blank are substantially identical in size.
3. A blank as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein fluting is formed in the longitudinal direction of the blank (2), i.e. from one end panel to the other.
4. A blank as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein both end panels (10, 12) are provided with opposing end flaps (30, 32).
5. A blank as claimed in claim 4 wherein each end flap (30, 32) is 25% to 50% of the height of its corresponding panel.
6. A blank as claimed in claim 4 or claim 5 wherein the end flaps (30, 32) of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by means of reverse fold lines.
7. A corrugated cardboard support (100) comprising two substantially parallel opposing main body panels (4, 6) and two pairs of opposing side walls wherein at least one side wall is at least double the thickness of the main body panels.
8. A support as claimed in claim 7 wherein the at least one side wall is at least double the thickness by the provision of a double layer of material.

9. A support as claimed in claim 8 wherein the overlapping outer layer (12) of the double layer is provided with end flaps (32) for folding over and securing to the layer.
10. A corrugated cardboard support (100) formed from a blank (2) according to any one of claims 1 to 6.
11. A corrugated cardboard pallet, the pallet comprising a top sheet (280), a base sheet (290) and at least one connecting member (300 – 380) between said top and said base sheets, the connecting member being formed from a blank (2) according to any one of claims 1 to 6 or a support (100) according to any one of claims 7 to 10.

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